

## CARMEL CHURCH

Charity no. 1195649      Registered 27.08.21

### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.12.22

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and unaudited financial statements for the year ending 31.12.22

#### The Trustees

The trustees who held office during the relevant year and to date are:

Rev'd O Griffiths, A Porch, C J Lewis, C Skraburski

#### Governance and History

The charity is constituted under a trust document which was adopted on the 13th July 2021 and which was amended on 1st November 2022. The organisation occupies a modest sized church building on Commercial Street in the small village of Blaenllechau, Rhondda.

There has been a church in existence on this site since the 1850's. The charity as such has been set up by the members and deacons of the church formerly known as Carmel Forward Movement Church and later as Carmel Church, Blaenllechau.

#### Objectives and Activities

The object of the Church is the advancement of the Christian religion in accordance with the principles and practices of independent Baptist churches. The Church may also carry out other charitable purposes in the UK and/or other parts of the world, which are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales and as the trustees from time to time determine.

To further this objective, the charity has organised:

- weekly church services on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays;
- regular meetings of trustees, deacons and members;
- a counselling service under the name of Phronesis Counselling
- a clothing bank ministry under the name of Carmel Community Clothing.

Until 25th November 2022 Rev'd Owen Griffiths undertook both the pastoral ministry of the church and the provision of counselling to the wider community.

#### Achievements and Performance

The membership of the church is twelve but the number of people attending our regular weekly services is twenty-six.



Our Sunday morning service is held in Treforest Community Centre and allows attendees to worship with us via Zoom should they choose to do so. The trustees are pleased to have been able to help those who are less mobile in this way and believe this evolution in the ministry of the church to have been a success. Other church meetings, such as the Tuesday evening prayer meeting and the Wednesday evening Bible Study have remained online as the attendees find this format to be much more accessible. A new Sunday evening meeting was started during this year. Held in the Morlais Hall in Ferndale, Faith? has the format of an informal discussion group that examines all aspects of belief and experience. We have been pleased with how this new initiative as some attendees have spoken of this meeting as having been significant in helping them to grow in their faith. It attracts a small number of people from the communities of Ferndale and Blaenllechau who otherwise would not attend the church.

Phronesis Counselling continued as an effective and valuable ministry of the church until our counsellor, Rev'd Griffiths took up a new ministerial role in November. As well as offering one-to-one counselling to clients from the communities of the Rhondda we were also able to serve the wider church through providing pastoral supervision to ministers from England and Scotland. In October we were also privileged to participate in the training of new ordinands and candidates for ordination in counselling and pastoral care on behalf of St Padarn's Institute and the Church in Wales. Rev'd Griffiths also published an article in the magazine of the Association for Christian Counsellors on the subject of embodiment and psychotherapy. He also contributed a chapter on the theology and psychology of conversation to a book that is due to be published next year by SCM Press on Black Theology. Phronesis Counselling was shut down in November 2022 upon Rev'd Griffiths departure.

Carmel Community Clothing is an outreach of the church aimed at providing excellent quality second hand clothes to individuals and families in need. During the year our clothing outreach, Carmel Community Clothing made over 250 deliveries of clothing parcels helping in excess of 400 people throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf and beyond. We have been pleased during the year to work alongside Women's Aid RCT, Pobl, Resilient Families, Trivallis, the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Cardiff Rugby and many more organisations in order to ease the suffering caused by poverty. The trustees have concerns about the adequacy of the premises currently housing Carmel Community Clothing and so are searching for a new home for this important work. One highlight of the year was the visit to the clothes work in November 2022 by our local MP, Chris Bryant who commended the efforts of the members and publicized the work on social media.

Prior to his departure, the trustees and members had been pleased to release Rev'd Griffiths to work with the British and Irish Association for Practical Theology (BIAPT) as the Chair of Trustees. During this period he was able to lead the organisation in setting a new strategic direction to become a 'learning community characterised by honesty, accountability and hospitality'. A five year



strategy has been designed aimed at achieving this goal through diversifying BIAPT's membership, making it more inclusive of practitioners as well as academics, of people of all ethnicities and of all faiths. A special scheme has been launched the goal of which is to encourage scholarship in emerging regions of the Global South by offering a much reduced membership fee. Also, a new website was launched during the year called Practical Theology Hub. Its goal is to make the Practical Theology more accessible to practitioners working in the field and to also broaden the membership of BIAPT, making it more reflective of the wider demographic of those who teach, study and practice Practical Theology. During the year BIAPT also organised an online conference on the subject of Flesh and Blood, Embodiment and Practical Theology, which attracted delegates from around the world and was able to promote high scholarly standards through awarding Publishable Article and MA Dissertation prizes. We are pleased that through this work Carmel Church is able to have a small impact on the study and practice of theology throughout the world.

During the year the trustees monitored the performance of the church with respect to its health and safety and safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

### Financial Review

The accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 show a £3595 loss as opposed to a loss of £2354 in 2021. The main cost increases were identified as being for energy and venue hire with income remaining fairly stable. However, the resignation in November 2022 of Rev'd Griffiths who was the charity's sole employee, if he is not replaced is likely to mean that in future years the finances return from deficit to surplus. There are no obvious candidates who could replace Rev'd Griffiths and so the church members will have to be consulted and decide upon how the church and the clothing work will move forward.

### Risks

The trustees continue to monitor the finances of the church and recognise that to run a financial deficit would have eventually led to the church using up its reserves. The trustees continue to seek to mitigate this risk by encouraging the church to be outward facing in the expectation that this will ultimately lead to a growth in its membership and income.

Signed



Acting Chair of Trustees

Dated

8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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We have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the attached profit and loss account and balance sheet for the year ended for the year ended 31 December 2022, from and in accordance with the records, information and explanations supplied to us by officers acting on behalf of Carmel Church Blaenllechau.

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Alan Newland & Co  
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24 August 2023

**Carmel Church (CIO)**  
**Profit and Loss Account**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2021</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Turnover</b>	30,144	29,541
Other income	9	3
<b>Gross profit</b>	<u>30,153</u>	<u>29,544</u>
Staff costs	(24,431)	(26,780)
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	(35)	(41)
Other charges	(9,282)	(5,077)
<b>Loss before taxation</b>	<u>(3,595)</u>	<u>(2,354)</u>
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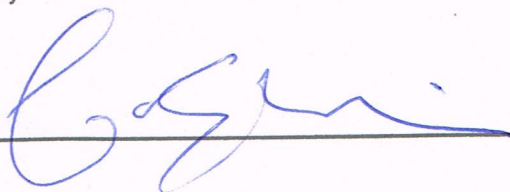


**Carmel Church (CIO)**  
**Registered number:**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2022**

**1195649**

		<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2021</b> <b>£</b>
Fixed assets		40,197	40,232
Current assets	34,252		38,319
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>355</u>		<u>308</u>
	34,607		38,627
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(306)</u>		<u>(766)</u>
Net current assets		<u>34,301</u>	<u>37,861</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		74,498	78,093
Accruals and deferred income		<u>(360)</u>	<u>(360)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>74,138</u>	<u>77,733</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>		<u>74,138</u>	<u>77,733</u>

Approved by:

  
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Date

8/10/23

  
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Date

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**Carmel Church (CIO)**  
**Detailed profit and loss account items**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Sales</b>		
Counselling fees and funeral	30	150
Seminar	-	145
Donations from members and friends	22,229	23,986
Clothes bank	2,370	770
HMRC charities tax refund	5,515	4,489
Sales	-	1
	<u>30,144</u>	<u>29,541</u>
<b>Other income</b>		
Interest receivable	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>Staff costs</b>		
Pastor's salary	23,954	26,000
Pensions	<u>477</u>	<u>780</u>
	<u>24,431</u>	<u>26,780</u>
<b>Depreciation and other amounts written off assets</b>		
Depreciation	<u>35</u>	<u>41</u>
<b>Other charges</b>		
Premises costs:		
Rates	319	231
Light and heat	<u>2,076</u>	<u>1,483</u>
	<u>2,395</u>	<u>1,714</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and internet	60	10
Stationery and printing	-	84
Subscriptions	257	129
Insurance	920	1,086
Equipment expensed	-	49
Software	280	67
Website	-	185
Repairs and maintenance	164	30
Sundry expenses	<u>516</u>	<u>90</u>
	<u>2,197</u>	<u>1,730</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Accountancy fees	360	360
Consultancy fees	-	54
Other legal and professional	-	96
	<u>360</u>	<u>510</u>
Other		
Other direct costs	2,510	1,097
Venue Hire	1,600	26
Visiting ministers fee	120	-
Conference fees	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>4,330</u>	<u>1,123</u>
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**as at 31 December 2022**

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Land and buildings	40,000	40,000
Plant and machinery etc	197	232
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<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Other taxes and social security costs	305	766
Other creditors	1	-
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Accruals	<u>360</u>	<u>360</u>
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Profit and loss account	<u>74,138</u>	<u>77,733</u>
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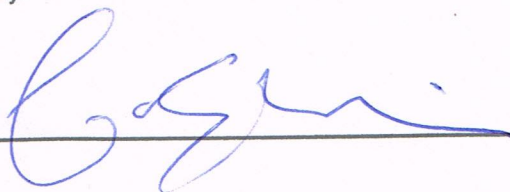
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